

# Unemployment Challenges: *Who are the unemployed?*

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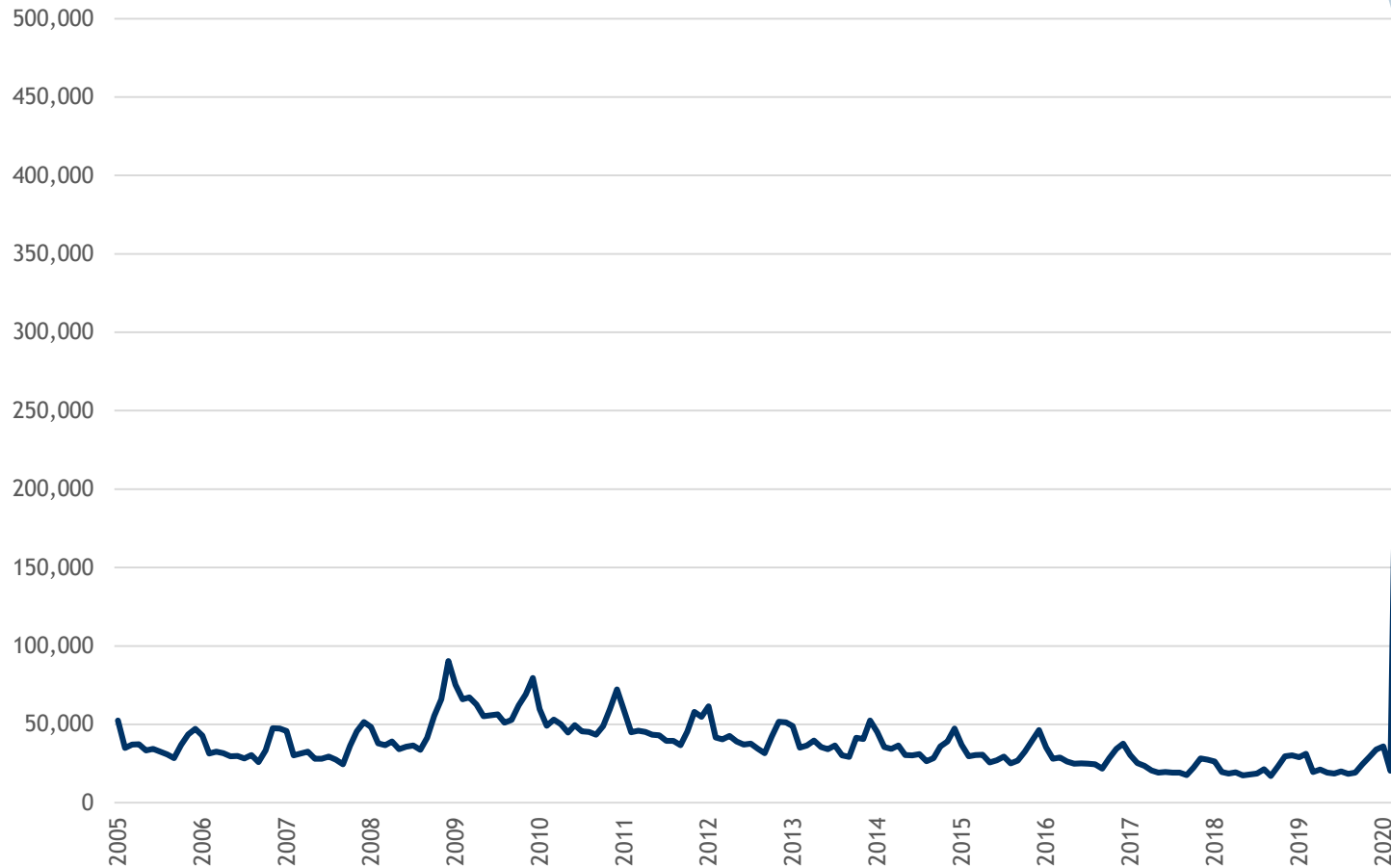
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# Unemployment and Labor Force



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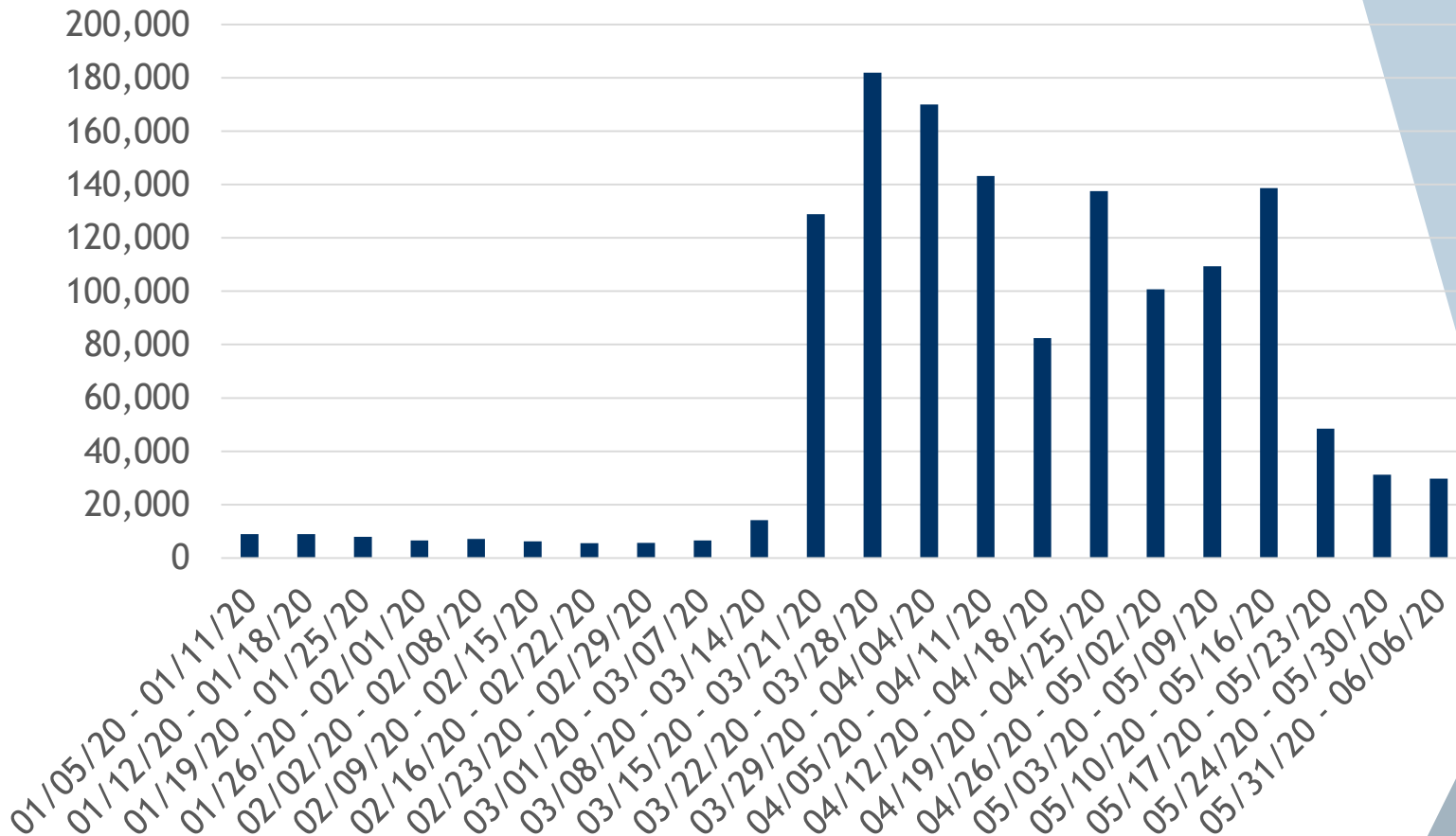
# 467,127 new claims were filed in Washington during the month of April 2020



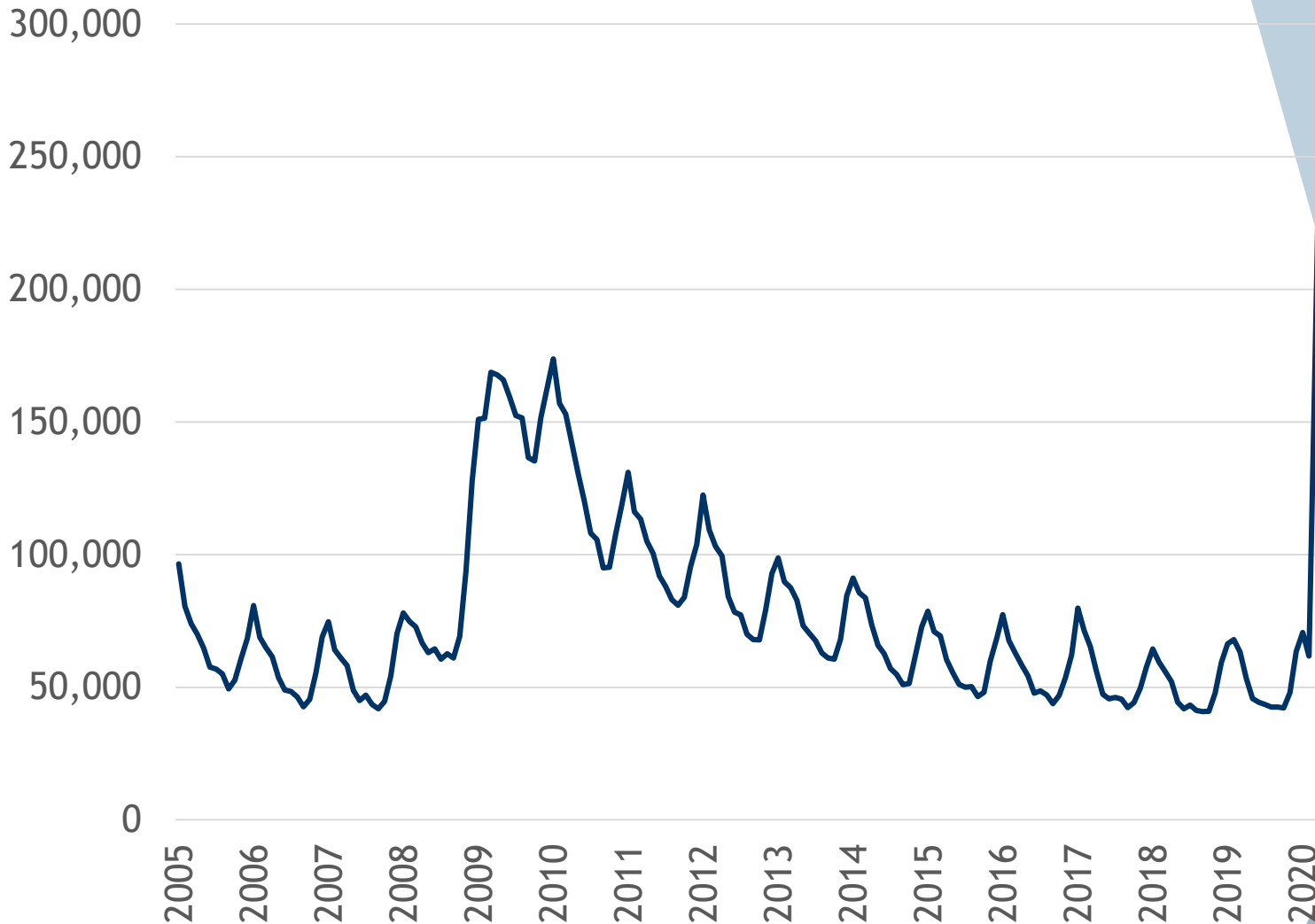
Employment Security Department, Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance



Since the March 1, 2020, ESD has received more than 1.3 million applications for Regular Unemployment Insurance

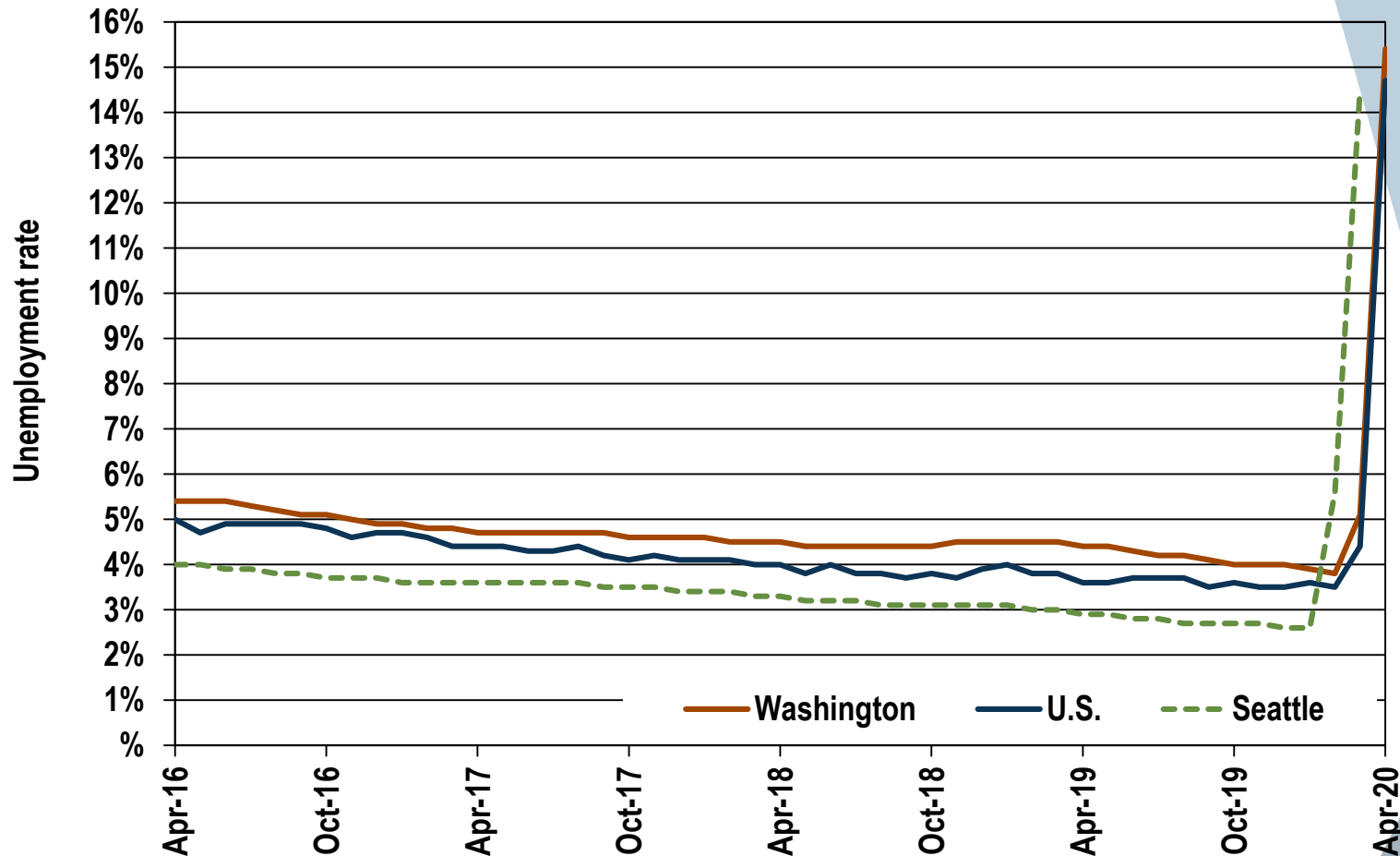


## 295,594 regular UI claims were paid in April 2020



Employment Security Department, Continued Claims of Unemployment Insurance

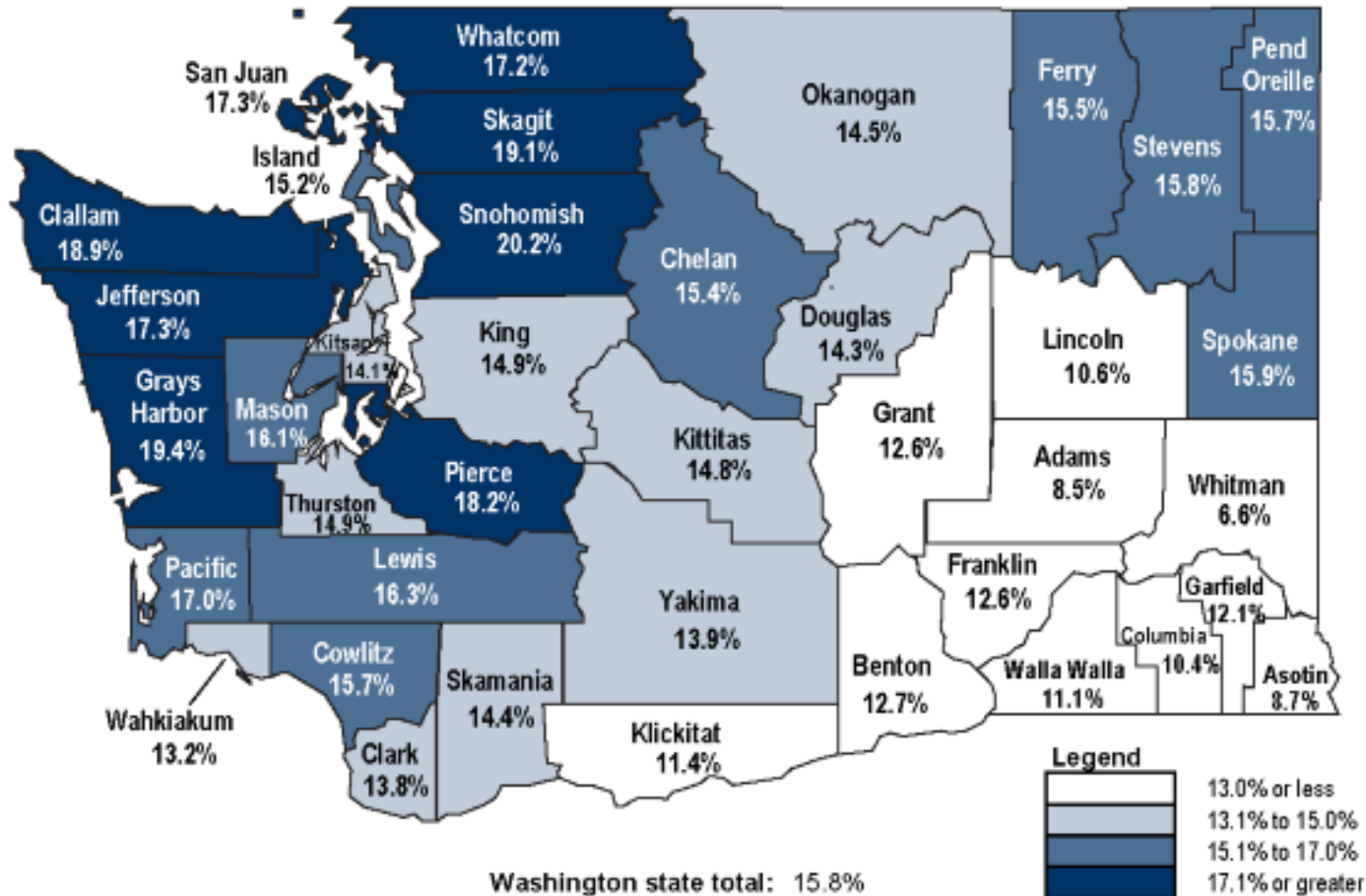
# The unemployment rate in Washington reached 15.4 percent in April



# The unemployment rate varies by location

April 2020

County unemployment rates, not seasonally adjusted



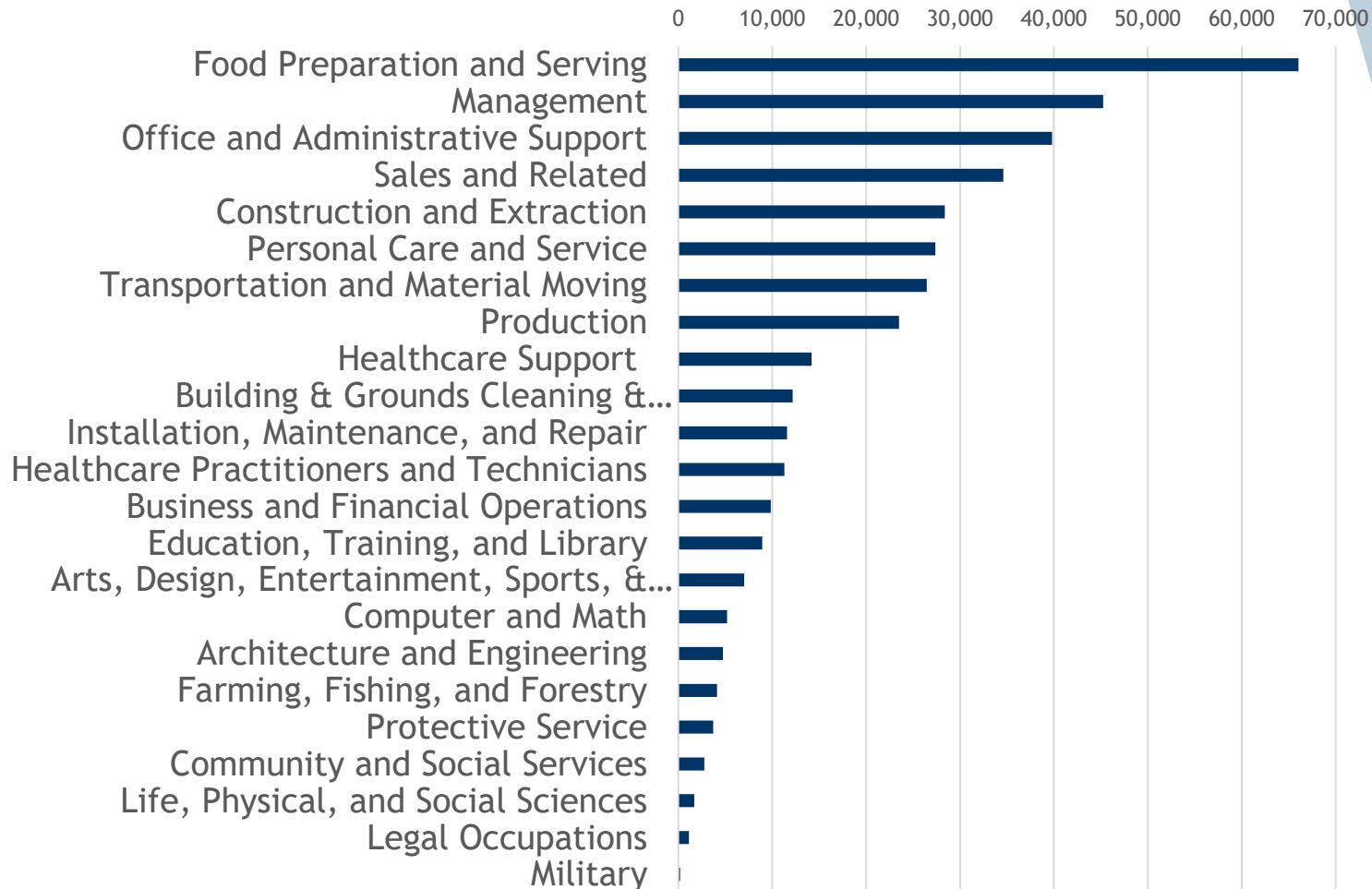
# Who are Washington's unemployed?





# Who are the unemployed?

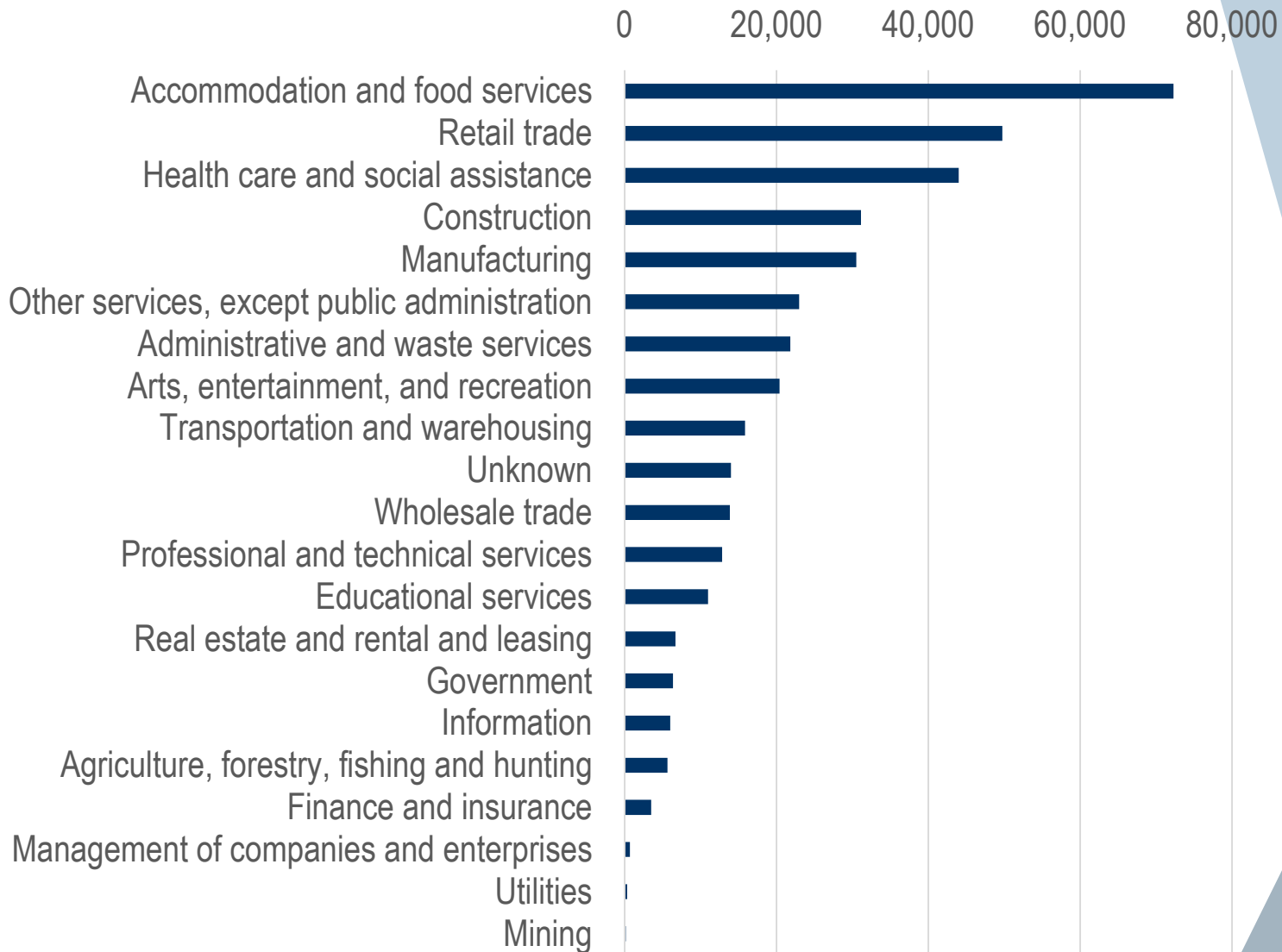
## Occupation



# Occupations with the most active claims

Occupational Group	State Total
Waiters and Waitresses	19,980
Retail Salespersons	14,772
Bartenders	10,756
General and Operations Managers	8,433
Sales Managers	8,128
Cashiers	7,015
Production Workers, All Other	6,920
Cooks, Restaurant	6,583
Carpenters	5,756
Managers, All Other	5,497
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	5,284
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	5,263
Chefs and Head Cooks	5,140
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	4,914
Food Service Managers	4,518
Receptionists and Information Clerks	4,252
Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop	4,227
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	3,955
Childcare Workers	3,874
Sales Representatives, Services, All Other	3,775

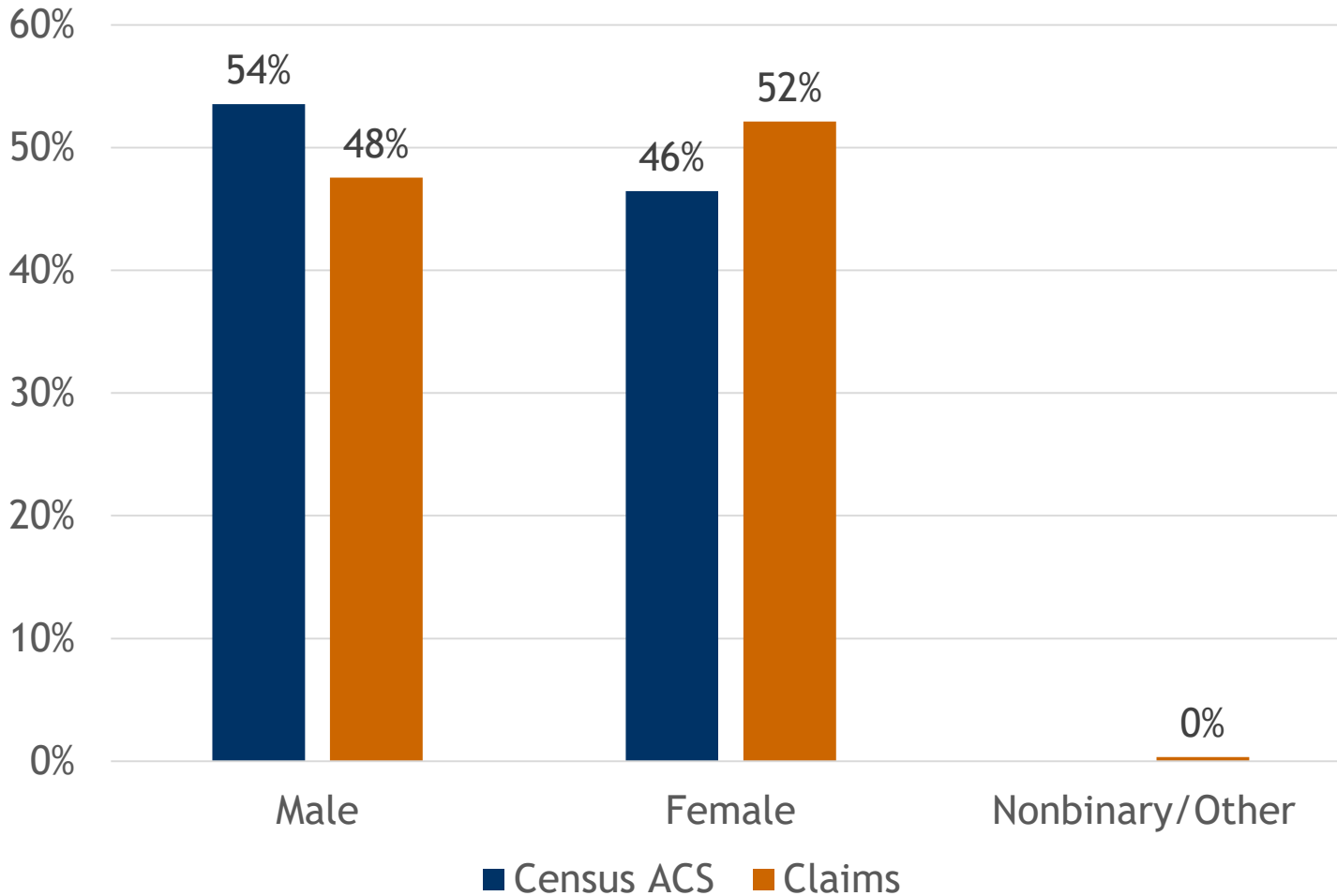
# Claims by industry:



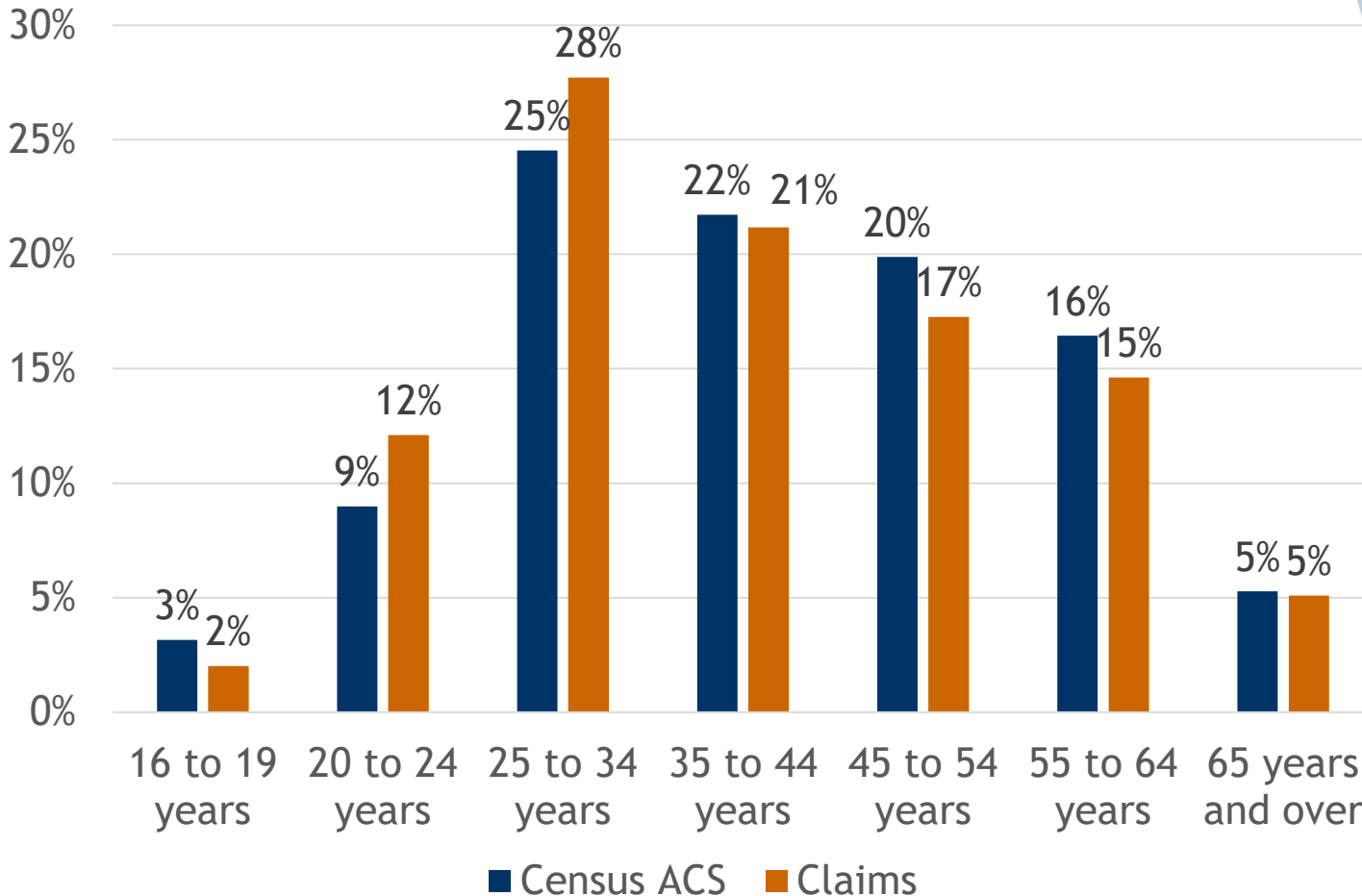
# Racial minorities make up a larger share of active claims in Washington.

Race / Ethnicity	Percent Employed 2018 ACS	Percent Claims Week 22
White alone	79%	65%
Black or African American alone	4%	6%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1%	2%
Asian alone	10%	10%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1%	2%
Some other race alone	5%	NA
Two or more races	5%	4%
Unspecified	NA	11.0%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	12%	11%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	69%	60%

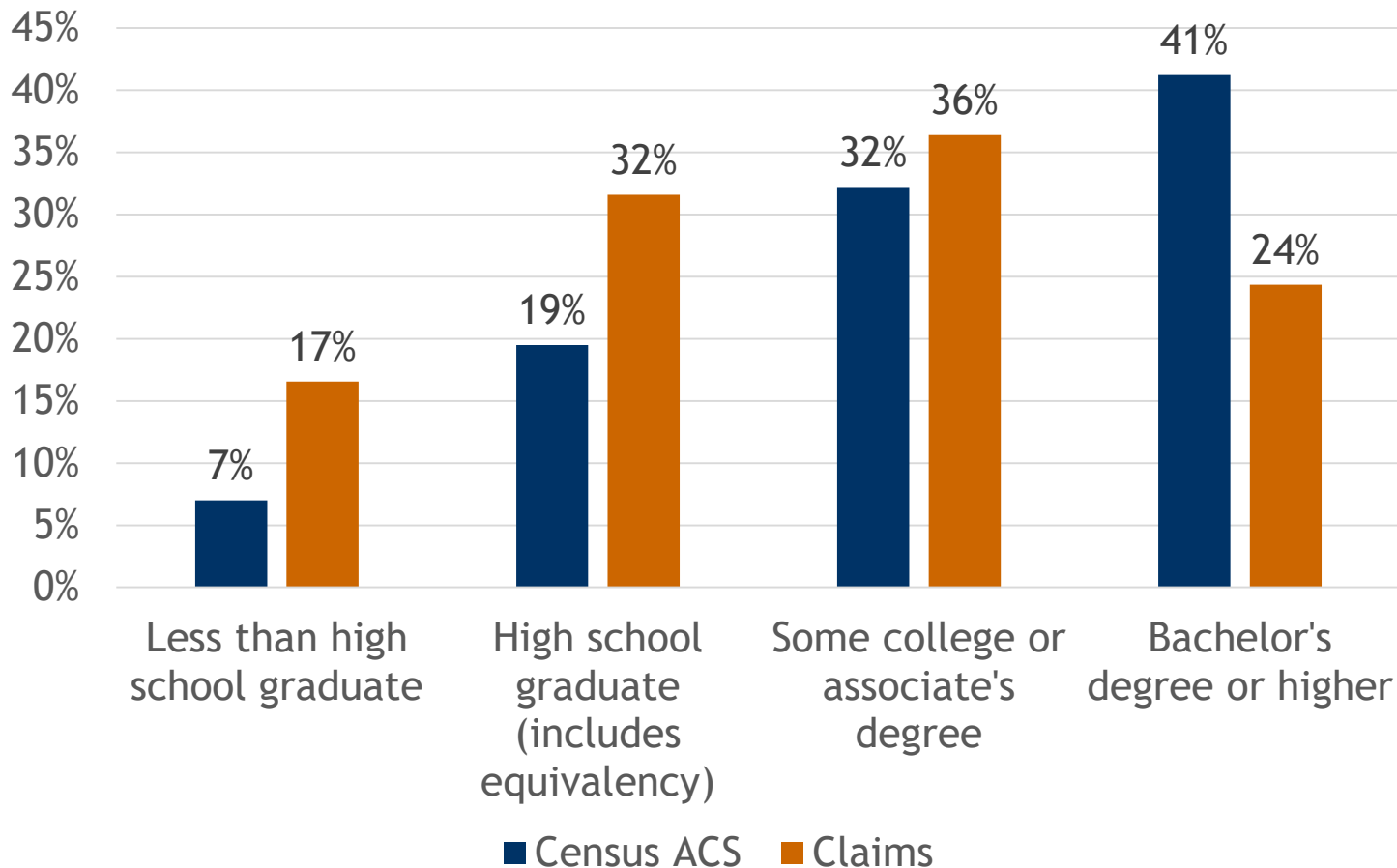
## Women make up a larger portion of active claims in Washington.



# Young workers are more likely to be unemployed.



Workers with lower levels of education are more likely to be collecting unemployment insurance.



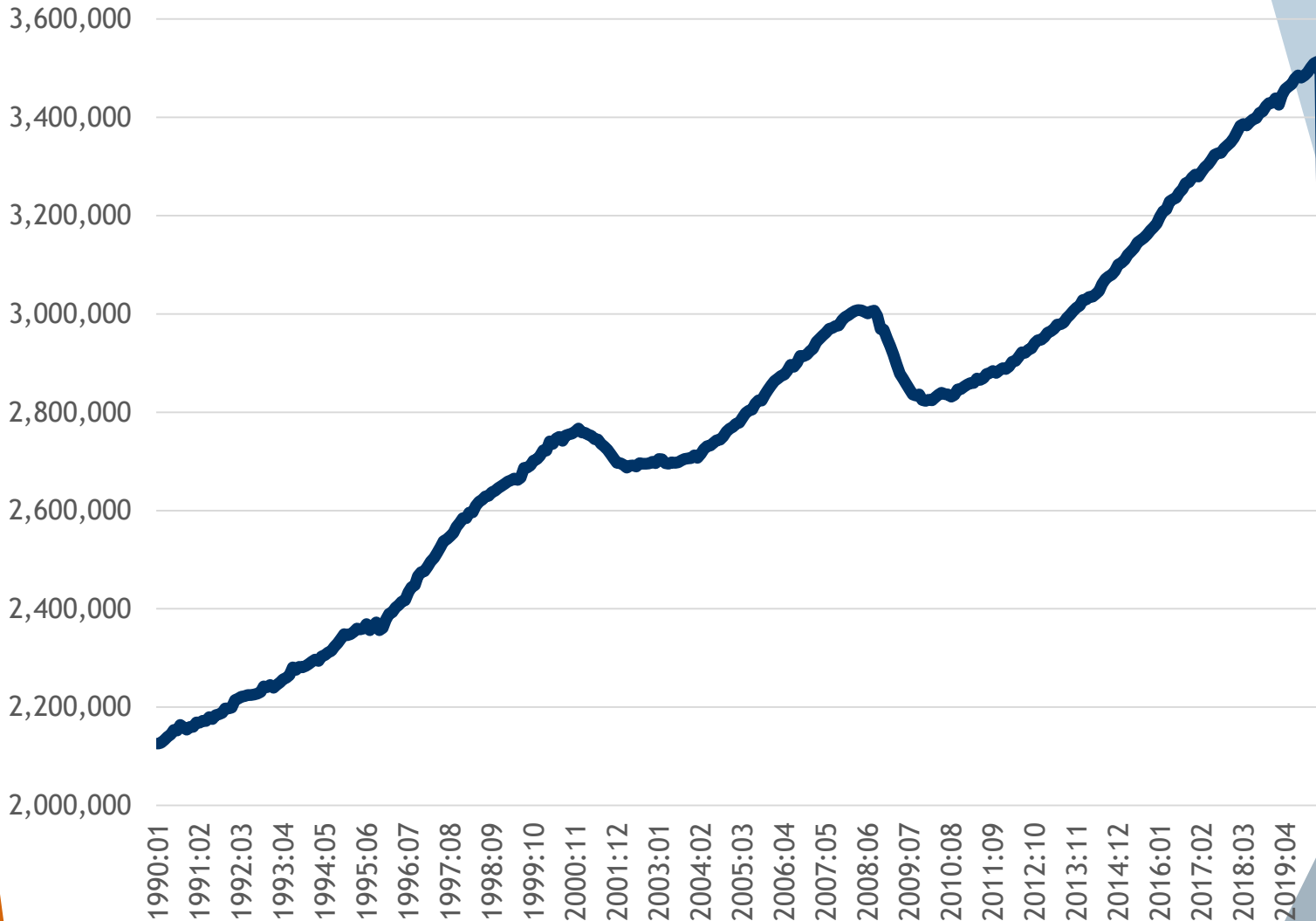
# Payroll employment



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# Washington nonfarm employment dropped by 527,000 from March to April



Employment Security Department, Washington Employment Estimates (seasonally adjusted), April 2020

# All industries were impacted - some more than others

	Total employment, April 2020	March 2020 to April 2020	March 2020 to April 2020
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>2,961.1</b>	<b>-527.0</b>	<b>-17.8%</b>
Mining and Logging	5.3	-0.5	-9.4%
Construction	144.4	-81.0	-56.1%
Manufacturing	262.7	-27.5	-10.5%
Wholesale Trade	124.7	-12.7	-10.2%
Retail Trade	352.4	-45.6	-12.9%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	106.0	-9.5	-9.0%
Information	147.8	-3.2	-2.2%
Financial Activities	151.6	-7.6	-5.0%
Professional and Business Services	410.5	-35.3	-8.6%
Education and Health Services	439.6	-66.7	-15.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	155.3	-177.7	-114.4%
Other Services	95.3	-31.2	-32.7%
Government	565.5	-28.5	-5.0%

# Thank you!



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# Sources:

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